

MAYOR'S REPORT

July 2017

I am pleased to report that a significant amount of road work has now been completed. The striping of our roads has been completed by Pat Flowers, Inc. Once again, they did a fine job in painting the lines to ensure safety in our city. Three other projects, to include Oakwood, Stark and Rockefeller will add to the pleasure of residents and motorists, with these projects being overdue, but finally able to be done with our Road Levy funds.

Our Police and Fire Departments continue to be challenged with the Heroin Epidemic. I was pleased that the Cleveland Clinic was able to sponsor a program devoted to the detection and treatment of this problem. I urge anyone who has any questions or concerns about this troubling issue to please call my office, where we can direct you to the proper resources, in an attempt to support the Clinic's effort to eradicate this issue.

We honored the fine work of the Audubon Society of Greater Cleveland, The Western Reserve Land Conservancy and the generosity of the private donors who acquired and permanently preserved approximately 80.5 acres of land that has doubled the size of the Hach-Otis Sanctuary. Special recognition was given to residents John and Carol Lillich, who will be further honored with a piece of this land being named "John & Carol Lillich Meadow." Congratulations to all for making this project possible.

City Engineer Pete DiFranco has assumed the Zoning responsibilities for the City until a new Building and Zoning Administrator is hired. We have contracted Pete to provide these services until September 30, 2017, for a contract in the amount of \$13,890. Pete has been performing these duties as a courtesy and at no cost to the City since Fred's retirement nearly twelve weeks ago. I have finalized the credentials of Mr. Tony Weissmann as our Building and Zoning Administrator and will be asking Council confirmation. Our Charter allows me to make the appointment of Department Heads, but Council must confirm the appointment.

On July 18, I appointed Assistant Chief Tom Talcott as our Acting Fire Chief. He has shown great leadership skills and I look forward to him in the Acting Fire Chief role until a permanent appointment and confirmation by Council may be made.

The Cuyahoga County Airport is completing Phase 2 of 4 phases – putting on final steps on runway; will be opened and closed periodically with final reopening planned for August 3.

In closing, I hope you plan to attend the following upcoming Recreation events:

Saturday, July 22, 7:00 p.m. – Willoughby Hills Day at Classic Park with the Captains

Saturday, August 5 – Garage Sale Day in Willoughby Hills

Wednesday, August 9 – Willoughby Hills Fall Corn Fest free concert at the Gazebo featuring Joey Tomsick and the JTO, ethnic cuisine, and fresh sweet roasted sweet corn. Concert is Rain or Shine!

Enjoy your summer!